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“Near Mission San Jose, Calif.--Irrigator of Japanese ancestry on a farm, prior to evacuation.” Dorothea Lange, 28 May 1942

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## LEGAL BASIS FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE

The San Jose 2020 General Plan, as amended, is the City's official policy regarding its future character and quality of development. The General Plan refers to the City's preservation goals in two sections. Sections III. Major Strategies: Urban Conservation/Preservation and IV. Goals and Policies outline the City's historic, archeological, and cultural resources policies. The City's historic preservation program is implemented through the Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 13.48 of the Municipal Code, which authorizes the City to:

- Establish a Historic Landmarks Commission,
- Maintain a Historic Resources Inventory,
- Preserve historic properties using a Landmark Designation process,
- Require Historic Preservation Permits, and
- Provide financial incentives through Historic Property Contracts.

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## PRESERVATION PLANNING GUIDELINES AND PUBLICATIONS

This report was prepared using the following guidelines and publications:

- *Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation,*
- *Guidelines for Local Surveys: A Basis for Preservation Planning* (National Register of Historic Places Bulletin #24),
- *Instructions for Recording Historical Resources* (California Office of Historic Preservation),
- *Survey Handbook* (City of San Jose).

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